Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 20 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Mar 2021 at 14:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for settled weather over the weekend then more changeable weather pattern becoming established during first half of next week.

Headline for Saturday 20 Mar 2021: Mist and low cloud dispersing during morning. Sunny spells developing. Thicker cloud and a little rain edging southwards during the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	FOG						
Partly cloudy (night)	Fog	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	10%	10%	20%	10%	20%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Weather: Extensive mist and low cloud at first, especially in west and over north Highlands with a little drizzle. This will mostly disperse during morning leaving sunny spells, best towards Great Glen. Thicker cloud and a little rain will edge southwards across most areas during the afternoon. A dry evening to follow with sunny then clear periods.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in north and west of area. 70% in south and east.

Visibility: Misty conditions especially over hills towards west coast with extensive cloud cover well down the hills. This will mostly disperse during morning. Otherwise good visibility with occasional cloud cover up around 600 to 700m, becoming extensive for a time during afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/15 W	15/20 W	22/29 W	23/32 W	23/34 W	26/37 W	19/27 NW	15/22 NW	13/19 NW
900	10/14 W	12/17 W	18/25 W	21/30 W	23/33 W	24/35 W	19/27 NW	15/21 NW	12/19 NW
600	7/11 W	8/13 W	13/20 W	17/26 W	18/28 W	18/29 W	12/21 NW	10/16 NW	7/14 NW
300	4/11 W	3/12 W	4/18 W	7/25 W	10/28 W	9/28 W	8/22 NW	7/17 NW	6/15 NW
Glen	3/6 W	3/6 W	3/9 W	8/16 W	10/20 W	10/20 W	7/15 NW	6/12 NW	5/11 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-2	2/-3	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-7
900	3/-1	2/-2	2/-4	1/-5	2/-5	2/-4	1/-5	-0/-6	-1/-6
600	4/2	3/0	3/-1	3/-2	4/-1	4/-1	3/-1	2/-2	1/-2
300	5/4	5/3	4/2	5/2	6/3	6/3	5/3	4/2	3/1
Glen	7/6	6/6	6/5	7/5	8/6	8/6	8/6	7/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1900m	1800m	1600m	1400m	1100m	1400m	1000m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling cold on the tops with fresh winds and temperatures close to freezing. Sun glare to be expected from snow cover at higher elevations.

Forecast for Sunday 21 Mar 2021

Weather: A dry and bright morning with sunny spells. Thicker cloud and a little rain edging eastwards to all ranges during afternoon. Hill fog becoming extensive over hills near to west coast.

Maximum wind: Strengthening westerly winds, average speeds of 15mph increasing to 25mph and gusts 40mph on the tops by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in the morning decreasing 20% during afternoon.

Visibility: Very good in the morning with patchy cloud cover about 800m. Turning misty from west during afternoon with clouds coming well down the hills. .

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m.

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